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"MAKE TRACKS" IN NEW HAMPSHIRE WITH A FULL SLATE OF WINTER OUTDOOR ADVENTURE OPTIONS

The Granite State Shows Visitors How To "Live Free" this Winter with Off-Beat Outdoor Offerings

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – (February 1, 2016) – In addition to traditional ski and snowboarding vacations, visitors can "Live Free" and experience fun, new twists on traditional winter activities in New Hampshire. Adventure seekers can find information on off-beat recreational adventures, such as fat biking, dogsledding and ice climbing, at www.VisitNH.gov. Here guests can get details on how to "Make Tracks" with updates on trail and weather conditions, places to stay and eat as well as suggested winter vacation ideas. Please see below for a selection of events that are highlighted on The Division of Travel and Tourism Development's "Make Tracks" website.

Snowmobiling – Offered Statewide

With more than 7,000 miles of maintained and groomed trails, visitors to New Hampshire can enjoy some of the best snowmobiling in the country. New Hampshire's State Parks offer snowmobiling at multiple locations, including on the Bear Notch Trail System, the Diamond Pond Trail, and at Bear Brook State Park. Trail updates are available regularly at www.nhstateparks.org/activities/snowmobiling/trail-information.aspx. For more information about snowmobiling statewide, please visit www.visitnh.gov/what-to-do/Outdoor-Adventure/snowmobiling.aspx.

Dogsledding – Offered Statewide

Travelers of all ages can experience the rush of sledding behind a team of trained Huskies or Siberians in the Granite State. Outfitters all over the state offer a variety of adventures, from introductory outings for adults and children as young as three years old as well as half-day clinics that include mushing instruction and the chance to drive a team. Popular dogsledding locations across the state include:

- o Bartlett Inn, Bartlett
- o <u>Barking Brook Sled Dog Adventures</u>, Bridgewater
- o Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel, Jefferson
- o Mush Mellow Adventures, Sanbornton
- o Seal Cove Journeys, Canaan
- O Valley Snow Dogz, Campton

For more information, please visit www.visitnh.gov/what-to-do/Outdoor-Adventure/dog-sledding.aspx.

Ziplining – Bretton Woods

Guests looking to enjoy the thrill of the snowy New Hampshire Mountains in a new way should try Winter Ziplining. Situated high on the slopes of <u>Bretton Woods</u>, the Bretton Woods Canopy Tour ascends to 1,000+ feet, high above the tree tops. The three-hour tour takes nature-lovers and thrill-seekers across a series of ziplines where visitors can take in beautiful views of the state's White Mountains Region. For more information, please visit <u>www.brettonwoods.com</u>.

Fat Biking – Waterville Valley

Waterville Valley offers Fat Biking, a fun twist on traditional mountain biking, with oversized tires that allow bikers to easily navigate the winter terrain. The tires are low pressured to give great traction in the snow and ice. Waterville Valley has 15 kilometers designated for daily fat biking excursions, with half-day fat biking available for \$30 and full day excursions at \$40. For more information, please visit www.waterville.com/ski-ride/nordic-center.html.

Ice Climbing - White Mountains Region

Guests can take advantage of the true rugged nature of New Hampshire by taking a stab at Ice Climbing. The International Mountain Climbing School offers an assortment of classes for different levels of experience. Classes not only teach visitors the basics of ice climbing, but also get visitors up and climbing general mountains and ice waterfalls on their first day. Class sizes vary from private to large groups. For more information please visit www.ime-usa.com/imcs/.

Mountain Coaster - Cranmore Mountain Resort

The Cranmore Mountain Resort's Mountain Coaster consists of thousands of feet of twisting, turning fun down the mountain at rider-controlled speeds through banked turns. Guest can also try the Giant Swing which allows up to four people to swing and arc higher and higher above the ground. Want an entry level zipline? The Soaring Eagle Zipline lets you share the ride with a friend. For more information, please visit www.cranmore.com/winter/cranmore-mountain-coaster.

SnowCoach – Great Glen Trails

The custom all-wheel-drive SnowCoach is equipped with a 4-track system that allows guests to ascend 4.5 miles up the Mt. Washington Auto Road during the winter months. Tours are approximately an hour and half long and depart daily from December through March from the base lodge. For more information, please visit www.greatglentrails.com/winter/outdoor-center/snowcoach/

ABOUT THE DIVISION OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

The Division of Travel and Tourism Development, as part of the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, works with the state's seven travel regions to increase visitation, travel and visitor expenditures in order to expand business activity and employment throughout the state. The division is responsible for domestic and international advertising and public relations, literature publication and distribution, www.visitnh.gov administration, grant administration and research to monitor and measure the impact of travel and tourism to the state. For more information about New Hampshire tourism, call 603-271-2665 or visit www.visitnh.gov.

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